(a) whether the Central Electricity Authority has recently cleared the financial packages of five private sector power projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of power projects awaiting clearance from the Central Electricity Authority; and

(d) the criteria adopted by the Government to private financial package to private sector power projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

(c) Twenty two.

(d) The criteria stipulated by Govt. for financial package of private sector power projects, inter-alia, includes the following:

(i) Debt to equity ratio is permitted upto 4:1;

(ii) Foreign equity participation upto 100 per cent is allowed.

(iii) Promoters have to bring in at least 11 per cent of the total cost of the project.

(iv) Not more than 40 per cent of the total outlay can come from Indian Public Financial institutions.

AUTONOMOUS ELECTRICITY BOARD FOR DELHI

2673. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to handover the power generation, procurement, supply and distribution in Delhi to an autonomous electricity board;

(b) if so, whether DESU is unable to meet the demand of power and its poor performance has forced the Central Government to take an alternative step; and

(c)) if so, by when the autonomous power board for Delhi is likely to be set up and would start functioning ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) to (c) It is proposed to set up an Autonomous Electricity Board for Delhi on the pattern of a State Electricity Board under the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948. The proposal is a part of overall restructuring of Delhi Municipal Corporation. The step is intended to avoid multiplicity of authority and to bring in professionalism and more autonomy in the woking of DESU. The timing of formation of the Delhi Electricity Board would depend upon the completion of various legal and administrative formalities.

TARIFF RATES FOR IRRIGATION

2674. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

SHRI G. G. SWELL : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average tariff rate for irrigation in the country as a whole and also state-wise;

(b) what is the tariff hike for irrigation during the last three years in various States and subsidy provided; and

(c) what are the average tariff rates for domestic and industrial consumption on all India basis and state-wise ?